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FOR NEA ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM CHARGE

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TAGS: PINS PINT PLO XF JO

SUBJECT: APPARENT APPROACH BY PLO

1. YESTERDAY EVENING AT A SOCIAL FUNCTION, JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR HISHAM SHAWWA PROPOSED "IN A PERSONAL CAPACITY" THAT I VISIT WITH ONE YOUSEF BANDAK. BANDAK IS APPARENTLY TRAVELLING SOUTH AMERICA AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PLO.

2. AMBASSADOR SHAWWA IS HIMSELF A PALESTINIAN WHO HAS HAD MANY YEARS' EXPERIENCE AS AN OFFICIAL OF A U.S. OIL COMPANY AS WELL AS A DIPLOMAT FOR KING HUSSEIN. SHAWWA, WHO HAS KNOWN YASSER ARAFAT FOR MANY YEARS, SAID THAT BANDAK WAS A MODERATE, CHRISTIAN PALESTINIAN WHO HAD A MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER WHICH HE WANTED TO TRANSMIT THROUGH ME. THE AMBASSADOR CONVEYED THE IMPRESSION THAT ARAFAT HAD SENT BANDAK TO HIM BECAUSE AHAWWA AND ARAFAT HAD GROWN UP TOGETHER.

3. I REALIZE THE PRIMA FACIE ABSURDITY OF THE SITUATION. WHY IS THE PLO MAKING AN APPROACH 11,000 MILES FROM THE SCENE OF THE ACTION, 7,000 MILES FROM WASHINGTON AND WITHOUT USING WHAT I ASSUME ARE ESTABLISHED CHANNELS?

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ON THE OTHER HAND, AMBASSADOR SHAWWA IS A SERIOUS PERSON, I HAVE THE IMPRESSION HE IS A MEMBER OF A POWERFUL PALESTINIAN FAMILY. IN ANY CASE, HE HAS ALWAYS PROVED TO BE A RELIABLE, SENSIBLE COLLEAGUE. THEREFORE, I AM COPELLED TO WONDER WHAT IS GOING ON.

4. I WOULD APPRECIAOE YOUR GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER I

SHOULD MAKE A POLITE REFUSAL OR HEAR WHAT MR BANDAK
HAS TO SAY. REGARDS.
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